

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 9, 1888.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, April 9th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey—9.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Alderman Reinecke.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held March 26th, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desk of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read and received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at a regular session, held April 2d, 1888.  
For the Common Council: JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding the contract for erecting a drinking fountain at the corner of Blake and Michigan streets, (see page 199, *ante*), was read and approved.

The report from His Honor, the Mayor, in relation to Arbor Day (see pages 199 and 200 *ante*), was read and received.

The following motion (see page 200, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted :

That \$300.00 be appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Park Committee, to use in such places as they may select on Arbor Day.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The report of the City Civil Engineer—seventh and partial estimate in behalf of A. Bruner—(see page 200, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon concurred in, by the following vote :

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AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, submitting a certain contract and bond (see page 200, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, in relation to the bridge over the Canal on Second street (see page 176, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Bridges.

The report of the City Attorney, in relation to the suit of Frank M. Dell vs. The City (see page 201, *ante*), was read and received.

The majority report of the Committee on Railroads (see pages 150 and 151, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The report of the City Clerk (see page 201, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the Chief Fire Engineer and City Attorney, in relation to the claim of E. L. McKee, (see page 201, *ante*), was read and concurred in.

The report from the Rental Agent (see page 202, *ante*), was received.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred sundry papers in relation to stone crossings, etc., (see page 202, *ante*), was concurred in.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of March, 1888, (see pages 202 and 203, *ante*), was read and received.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The report from the Committee on Finance, (see page 203, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted.

The report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, in relation to the opening of an alley in Out-lot No. 9, (see page 203, *ante*), was approved, and the resolution adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, in relation to various matters, (see page 204, *ante*), was read, and concurrently adopted.

The report of the Rental Committee, through the City Clerk, (see page 204, *ante*), was read and received.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS.

The report from the Special Committee on Public Light (see pages 204 and 205, *ante*), was read and received.

The following resolution (see pages 205 and 206, *ante*), was concurrently adopted :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, directed to immediately advertise for bids for lighting the streets of the city by means of electricity, for a term of one, two or three years; bidders to state the number of lights (if arc lights, not less than three hundred); also the kind of candle-power of the lights proposed; the number of hours of light to be furnished, shall be fixed by schedule designated by the City Civil Engineer.

*Be it further Resolved,* That the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company be, and it is hereby, notified and directed to discontinue the lighting of all street lamps in this city when notified so to do by the Mayor, which notice shall be given said company at least fifteen days in which to comply with the same; and that from and after the date fixed in said notice, nothing will be paid said company by the city for any gas burned in any of said street lamps; and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare and deliver to said company a certified copy of so much of this resolution as relates to said company."

The following motion (see page 209, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted :

That Mary Daniels be permitted to curb the street and bowlder the gutters in front of her own property, 109 south New Jersey street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, at her own expense.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage, without a suspension of the Rules :

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 18, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$525.00.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 19, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$9,167.04.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 20, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments; of the Committee Clerk; of the Janitor and Assistant Janitor of the City Hall; of the Janitor and Assistant Janitor of Tomlinson Hall, and of the East and West Market Masters. [Amount appropriated, \$8,468.33.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 21, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,379.01.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 22, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$1,211.66.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 23, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$238 92.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Tousey, submitted the following report; which was adopted :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the matter of instructing the Street Commissioner to build a bridge across Pogue's Run, at North street, respectfully recommend that the action of the Council be not concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

Will. E. Tousey,  
H. B. Smith,  
Tim. Clark,  
Committee on Bridges.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of the City Civil Engineer, in relation to the employment of additional help, through Alderman Smith, submitted the following report :

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee to whom the enclosed report was referred :

" To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—The introduction of natural gas has, and will still more, increase the responsibilities and labors of my Department. As you are aware, there are two companies now laying mains in the city, and the probabilities are that two more will be operating in the streets before midsummer.

In view of the fact that at the present time it requires all the force employed in my Department to look after the streets and other matters necessary to a proper supervision of the work of laying the mains, and the busy season coming on wherein I will need all the help of my present force, in the discharge of my duties, other than those pertaining to the natural gas, I most respectfully ask to be allowed to employ additional help to assist me in the discharge of the duties devolving upon me in reference to natural gas. As at this time it is impossible for me to say just how many men will be required, I would like to have authority to employ such assistants as the necessities of the case would demand; compensation to be fixed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and to be made for the time actually employed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer."

Would respectfully recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Smith,  
J. H. Taylor,  
Julius F. Reinecke.

Which was read and concurrently adopted.

The Committees on Streets and Alleys, Railroads, and City Attorney, through Alderman Tousey, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committees on Streets and Alleys and on Railroads, with the City Attorney, to whom was referred G. O. No. 2, 1888, providing for the amendment of Sections 1 and 2, of G. O. No. 1, 1887, commonly known as the "Tunnel Ordinance," have examined the said ordinance, and are of the opinion that said ordinance of 1887 should be amended as provided in the amendatory ordinance above referred to. It takes away from the Street Railway Company the right to lay any track on any of the streets around the Union Station other than those now laid; and we think that no one should be allowed to in the least obstruct the passage to the said Station, for the reason that the approaches thereto are narrow enough now, and private vehicles should be given at least some opportunity of getting to trains, without being ordered out of the way to make room for street cars; and this shall apply equally to any other street car company as to the present company.

As to the tunnel, we think that the control thereof should be reserved by the city, so that the right to allow any other company to go through it, or in any way use it, so as to be of greater benefit to the city, may at any time be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Will. E. Tousey,

J. H. Taylor,

J. F. Reinecke,

M. M. Reynolds,

J. H. Taylor,

John Rail,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Att'y.

Com. on Streets and Alleys.

Com. on Railroads.

The Committees on Judiciary, Railroads, and City Attorney, through Alderman Reynolds, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committees on Judiciary and Railroads, to whom was referred G. O. No. 1, 1888, supplemental to the original Street Railway ordinance of 1864, and in substance requiring the Citizens' Street Railway Company to place and maintain conductors on the following lines of the road, to-wit: Massachusetts avenue, Virginia avenue, Pennsylvania and Illinois streets, and Blake and Noble streets, report that, in their judgment, there is not now a sufficient operative force on these lines, and that conductors are needed thereon, and therefore we recommend the passage of the said ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,

John Rail,

Committee on Judiciary.

M. M. Reynolds,

J. H. Taylor,

John Rail,

Committee on Railroads.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Att'y.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Alderman Tousey, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry motions, beg leave to report as follows, viz :

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to lay a double stone crossing at the intersection of West and Mayhew streets.

2d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to lay double stone crossings on Noble street, one at the crossing of Georgia street and one at Bates street.

Upon investigation, we find that there are new crossings at each of the above points, and in consequence respectfully recommend that the action of the Council be not concurred in.

3d. That the Street Commissioner be instructed to raise all stone crossings to the proper grade of the street.

Your committee deem this action too broad, and likely to involve an expenditure

greater than our financial condition, warrants, and recommend that the Council action be not concurred in.

4th. Is S. O. 129, 1887, an ordinance to provide for curbing with stone the sidewalks of Alabama street, from Seventh street to the State Ditch.

5th Is directing the Street Commissioner to lay stone crossings, viz: Double stone crossings across Washington street, west side of Missouri street, and double stone crossings across Blake street, at the first alley north of New York street, west side of Blake street.

6th. That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to raise the curb and re lay the brick sidewalk on east Market street, beginning on the north side of Market street, at the east line of the Meat Market building, running thence east to Alabama street; thence north to the City Hall Scales. Said sidewalk to be laid to a width of twenty feet, being five feet inside of the property line, and to be raised to the height of the walk in front of the Meat Market. Work to be done according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

We recommend that the action of the Council in the above matters, from 4th to 6th, inclusive, be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

Will. E. Tousey,  
J. H. Taylor,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Smith offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That permission be granted Ellen Douglass to put down cement pavement in front of her property, corner of Michigan and Meridian streets, at her own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Almerman Smith offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That a committee of two, consisting of the City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, be appointed to visit various cities which are using electric light, and inquire into the various systems and methods used by them, and to report at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Connett offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to remove the stone in the walks through Circle Park, and re-lay the same on the walk from southeast to northwest, in Military Park.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times:

G. O. 1, 1888—An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis;" ordained and established January 18, 1864, and all ordinances amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Laut.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

G. O. 2, 1888—An ordinance to amend Sections 1 and 2 of General Ordinance No 1, 1887, entitled "An ordinance providing for certain changes of tracks of Citizens' Street Railway Company, and a transfer of certain rights;" ordained and established April 11th, 1887.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 82, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Phipps street and sidewalks, between Union street and Madison avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

G. O. 10, 1888—An ordinance regulating the laying and testing of natural gas mains, service pipes and house connections, in the City of Indianapolis, and providing penalties for the violations thereof.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 97, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Ash street, from Cherry street to the first alley north of Massachusetts avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the Committee on Railroads (see pages 150 and 151, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads:



To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the resolution ordering the Citizens' Street Railway Company to put double platforms on its passenger cars, and to remove the turn-tables from the streets, report that in the opinion of the undersigned majority of said committee, a rear platform on all cars should be maintained, and that the accompanying resolution providing therefor, should be passed. and that this will be fair to both the company and to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Swain,  
Fred. W. Gaul,  
Committee on Railroads.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis. That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and it is hereby, ordered and directed to at once provide and maintain on all passenger cars used by it in this city, a platform on the rear end of each car, not less than two feet in length, with a fender at end, and a step on each side of said platforms; such work to be done by September 1st, 1888. Except that platforms of the above description shall be placed on both ends of all cars on the Massachusetts and College avenues, the Virginia and Indiana avenues, the Illinois and Pennsylvania streets. (Belt line), the Blake and Noble street, and the Mississippi and McCarty street lines of street railway. That the City Clerk is hereby instructed and ordered to prepare duplicate copies of this resolution, and serve one of them on the said company, and endorse his return of service upon the other, showing upon whom the same was served, the date of service thereof, and report the same to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen: *Provided*, That the passage of this resolution shall not prevent the city, by its Common Council and Board of Aldermen, from ordering that double end platforms be placed on all cars at any time hereafter.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

G. S. Wright, President.

Attest: W. C. Toomey, Clerk.